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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CLEAR SPRINGS UTILITY COMPANY, INC.,
FOR AN INCREASE IN WASTEWATER RATES.

DOCKET NO. WS-01689A-16-0184

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CLEAR SPRINGS UTILITY CO., INC., FOR AN
INCREASE IN WATER RATES.

DOCKET NO. W-01689A-16-0187

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CLEAR SPRINGS UTILITY COMPANY, INC., FOR
AUTHORITY TO INCUR LONG-TERM DEBT.

DOCKET NO. WS-01689A-16-0287

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CLEAR SPRINGS UTILITY COMPANY, INC., FOR
AUTHORITY TO INCUR LONG-TERM DEBT.

DOCKET NO. W-01689A-16-0288

PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Consolidating Cases)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 9, 2016, in Docket No. WS-01689A-16-0184, Clear Springs Utility Company, Inc. ("Clear Springs" or Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in wastewater rates.

On June 10, 2016, in Docket No. W-01689A-16-0187, Clear Springs filed an application with the Commission for an increase in water rates.

On July 8, 2016, in Docket No. WS-01689A-16-0184, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Letter of Sufficiency stating that the wastewater rate application had met the sufficiency requirements outlined in Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103, and classifying Clear Springs' wastewater division as a Class E Utility.

On July 8, 2016, in Docket No. W-01689A-16-0187, Staff filed a Letter of Sufficiency stating that the water rate application, had met the sufficiency requirements outlined in A.A.C. R14-2-103, and classifying Clear Springs' water division as a Class D Utility.

On August 2, 2016, Clear Springs filed a Request for a Status Conference.

A Status Conference was held on August 8, 2016. During the conference the Company related that it planned to file finance applications for both the water and wastewater divisions. The parties agreed that it would be beneficial to consolidate the rate and finance applications. The Company also stated that it preferred to have a hearing on the applications. The parties agreed that they would collaborate to establish a recommend procedural schedule and would docket the schedule when complete.

On August 19, 2016, in Docket Nos. WS-01689A-16-0287 and W-01689A-16-0288, Clear Springs Utility Company, Inc., filed a finance application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for improvements to its wastewater and water system.

On August 24, 2016, in Docket Nos. WS-01689A-16-0287 and W-01689A-16-0288, Clear Springs filed Amended Wastewater and Water Division Finance Applications.

On August 29, 2016, in Docket Nos. WS-01689A-16-0184, W-01689A-16-0187, WS-01689A-16-0287, and W-01689A-16-0288, Clear Springs filed a Motion for Consolidation of the four dockets because they are interrelated because they address the finances and utility system improvements of the divisions of the same utility.

The matters in the above-captioned dockets are substantially related, and the rights of the parties will not be prejudiced by consolidation. Since consolidation would promote administrative efficiency and economy, and there being no objection from Staff, it is reasonable and appropriate to consolidate.

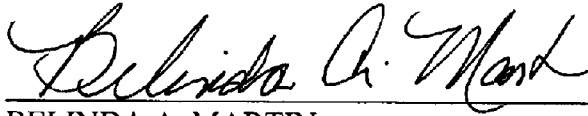
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that WS-01689A-16-0184, W-01689A-16-0187, WS-01689A-16-0287 and W-01689A-16-0288 are hereby consolidated

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, 39, and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, or
2 waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at
3 hearing.

4 DATED this 13th day of October, 2016.

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